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TWINS WIN TAFF IN RECORD RACE

Lilian Edwards and Christina Lake have won the 1988 TAFF race, running a joint campaign against Martin Tudor and Dave Wood. The so-called "Six Year-Old Twins" will attend Nolacon II in New Orleans this summer.

A record 169 British votes were cast, with a further 92 American votes and 11 Australian. Following hectic 11th-hour voting, both Tudor and Tudor fell below the crucial 20% level in America and were therefore automatically disqualified.

It is rumoured that Charlotte Proctor & Bob Lichtman are both considering standing in the 1989 race, although it's not known whether the successful candidate will attend Mexicon in Nottingham or the larger Eastercon on the isle of Jersey.

HUGO RECOGNITION FOR COMICS

The Nolacon II committee is to include a new category on this year's Hugo Award ballots, allowing members to honour sf comics such as the acclaimed *WATCHMEN*.

Their decision follows widespread anger at the inclusion of *THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS*, a graphic novel featuring Batman, under the 1987 'non-fiction' category. The new award will be known as 'Other Forms'.

NEWSZINE GOES TRANSATLANTIC

The British-based sf/fantasy newszine CRITICAL WAVE will launch a new US edition as of its May issue, meaning a faster news/review service for its growing American readership.

Articles from the zine, edited by Steve Green and Martin Tudor, have already been lifted by the British Press and such American magazines as SF CHRONICLE. A year's subscription (6 issues) costs \$5 from Tom Hanlon, 13833 North Amiss Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, United States of America.